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GROWTH BACON EXPORT EPIC WARTIME FARMING Convention Authorizes Patronage Dividend

CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT SEEN AS OUTSTANDING

Officials of Department of Agriculture Stress Value of Farmers' Effort

CANADA'S PROVEN ABILITY

Nitrate From U.S., Jute From India, Cotton Used in Dressing and Packing

By M. McDOUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Dec. 3rd.—The growth of the production and export of bacon has been described by officials of the Department of Agriculture here as the epic of Canadian wartime farming. It is a fine outstanding contribution to the war efforts of the United Nations. Without Canada's proven ability to supply bacon of the required quality and quantity, it is questionable if the British could have maintained their official rations of this food which through the years they have used as a staple item of their diet. Canada has now engaged to ship in the coming year 675,000,000 pounds of bacon, the largest quantity ever shipped from Canadian shores.

39 Plants Preparing Bacon

Officials state that there are now 34 export packing plants preparing bacon for export. Inspection and grading are supplied by the Department of Agriculture. The Wiltshire sides into which the hogs are dressed, are cured with nitrate which comes from the United States. Every four sides are baled in jute imported from India, while each Wiltshire side is wrapped in cotton. The sides are kept in cold storage, shipped in refrigerator cars, and at the seaboard are placed in refrigerated rooms aboard ship for export to Britain. Inspection

Leaders Look Toward French Coast



Eyes, as we study our maps today, are directed to the Mediterranean coast, but the northern coast of France, towards which Winston Churchill and Field Marshall Jan Christian Smuts are looking in this picture, will no doubt loom large in the war news again when the hour strikes. Here the British and South African Prime Ministers were photographed with army leaders during an inspection of Britain's coast defences. On Monday Churchill celebrated his 68th birthday.

is carried out at the packing plants and at seaboard before the ship bearing it from Canadian farms to the tables of British families sails in convoy escorted by Canadian, British and American warships across the Atlantic.

AUTHORIZE DIVIDEND

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool annual meeting decided this week to pay a patronage dividend of 1 cent per bushel on wheat delivered in the crop year 1941-42.

Not To Hold Convention

With the approval of over 60 per cent of U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals, the recommendation of the Executive that no Annual Convention be held in January, becomes effective. While expressing regret that such a course was necessary, most of the Locals agreed that existing circumstances made any other course impracticable.

In future Britain will build fighters chiefly—the U.S., bombers.

PAYMENT OF ONE CENT PER BUSHEL ON 1941-42 GRAIN

Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates Authorize Patronage Dividend on Deliveries

TOTAL \$230,000

Half Cent Where Diverted by Producers to Terminals of Other Companies

By resolution adopted at the Annual Convention of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates, Monday, payment of a patronage dividend of 1 cent a bushel on grain delivered to the Pool during the crop year of 1941-42 was authorized.

The resolution provides further that where grain was diverted from Pool elevators by producers, to terminals of other grain companies, the patronage dividend authorized will be one-half cent a bushel.

Total \$230,000.00

It is estimated that the payments will total in the neighborhood of \$230,000. It is planned to pay these patronage dividends early in 1943.

The Pool Convention is still in session as this issue goes to press. Reports are featured on page 2.

With Chairman George Bennett at toastmaster, the Annual Banquet of was attended by delegates and many invited guests, including the Alberta Minister of Agriculture, Hon. D. B. MacMillan, and representatives of other important governmental bodies, Dominion and Provincial, and of farmers' organizations.

O. S. Longmah, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, will attend a conference at Ottawa next week to discuss agricultural output for 1943.

"Redeemed Its Honor by an Act of Self-Immolation"



To prevent its seizure by Hitler's troops, the powerful French fleet at Toulon was scuttled on Friday of last week. The captain of every ship, it was reported, remained on the bridge as the ship went down. "That fleet", said Churchill in his broadcast on Sunday, "brought

by folly and worse than folly to its melancholy end, redeemed its honor by an act of self-immolation, and from the flames and smoke of the explosions at Toulon, France will rise again." It is believed that all or practically all the warships great and small were sunk, with the

exception of a few submarines which escaped. Crews fought off the Germans in many cases, while explosions were prepared. The picture shows part of the fleet as it rode at anchor in the harbor of France's great Mediterranean base.

Annual Meeting of Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates

SURPLUS earnings of Alberta Pool Elevators for the 1941-42 crop year totalled \$784,285.87. This result was obtained after providing for full depreciation on all elevator properties and equipment, and the payment of one year's interest of \$189,327.09 to the Government of Alberta in connection with the 1929 Pool overpayment. It compares with the surplus for the previous year of \$723,608.59.

This information was contained in the report presented by R. D. Purdy, General Manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, to the delegates attending the Twentieth Annual Meeting, which was started in Calgary on Tuesday, November 24th. Listed among capital expenditures during the year was the sum of \$265,000 paid on the principal of the debt to the Alberta Government. Since July 15th, 1931, the Alberta Wheat Pool has decreased its capital liability to the Alberta Government by \$2,148,500 and has paid interest to the Government amounting to \$2,643,000.

Redemption of Reserves and Patronage Dividends

During the 1941-42 business year, the Alberta Wheat Pool redeemed five per cent of its elevator and commercial reserves, paying out to members under this arrangement a total of \$423,391.53. Patronage dividends were also paid to members who delivered grain to Pool elevator facilities in the crop years 1938-39 and 1939-40, at the rate of 1/4c a bushel, the total payment being \$180,000. A further sum of \$495,000 has been set aside for patronage dividends on deliveries made during the season 1940-41.

Alberta Pool handlings during the past business year totalled 22,876,094 bushels as compared with 49,738,796 during the previous season. This decline was mainly due to the fact that the Alberta wheat crop in 1941 totalled only 97 million bushels as compared with 180 million in 1940. The bulk of the earnings during the past year came, of course, from carrying charges on large quantities of

wheat carried for the Canadian Wheat Board.

George Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Directors, welcomed the delegates and the Convention commenced. John Fowle, of Bindloss, was elected chairman for the convention, while H. I. Montgomery, of Nanton, and J. M. Wheatley, of Chancellor, were elected vice-chairmen. Committees were appointed as follows: Resolutions, H. Foreman, of Chauvin, Paul H. Redd, of Raymond, and Emil Cammaert, of Tudor; Order of Business, C. A. Fawcett, of Consort, E. A. Carey, of Barons, and Uri Powell, of Sexsmith.

McIvor Explains Quota Policies

George McIvor, Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, in an address to the convention explained the policy followed in establishing quotas. Where elevator space was available the quota was raised as high as possible; but deliveries from such points to the terminals were then restricted and cars directed to the points where the quotas were lower. Occasionally there were exceptions to this policy because of special circumstances, such as the need of certain grains to fill particular market demands.

Over 85 per cent of the authorized wheat acreage in Alberta now carries a delivery quota of eight bushels or higher, and over 30 per cent a delivery quota of ten bushels or higher. This is in addition to a general ten bushel or higher delivery quota on oats and barley. Up to November 13th, 110 million bushels of wheat had been marketed, and 79 million bushels of coarse grains.

Prospects for next year's crop are uncertain, Mr. McIvor said. A great deal depends on the trend of the war and possible outlets for coarse grains in the United States later on in the season. The Canadian wheat carryover will likely be between 600 million and 700 million bushels.

Dissatisfaction With Car Allotments

The delegate body expressed to Mr. McIvor their dissatisfaction with the allotment of cars. It was thought that Pool elevators, having the greatest volume of business, should be provided with more cars than has been the case in the past. Some delegates stated that at their particular points Pool members, who had never delivered a bushel of grain to line elevators in years, had been forced to do so because the Pool storage was filled and the Pool agent could not obtain cars. Mr. McIvor said the Board was trying to do its best under a difficult situation, and, while he appreciated the desire of Pool members to patronize their own facilities, at some points special circumstances prevented a more generous allotment of cars to Pool elevators.

Important Accomplishments

W. J. Parker, of Winnipeg, President of Manitoba Pool Elevators, in addressing the delegates, mentioned that liberal patronage dividends had been provided by the three Pool elevator systems, but there were other Pool accomplishments. One was the reduction of handling costs, the first move towards which end had been initiated by the Pools, which would save the wheat producers around \$2-1/2 million this year. Another was the cutting of storage charges, also initiated by the Pools, which would save the Federal Treasury \$3-1/2 million during the season. This saving to the Treasury, he said, would be infinitely more than could possibly be collected by any income tax on the Pools. Mr. Parker stated that further accomplishments of the Pools included: increase of 20c a bushel in the price of wheat, and guaranteed minimum prices for coarse grains. Over the years, Mr. Parker said, the Pools in innumerable ways have proven their usefulness to the farmers of the Prairie Provinces.

A. F. Sproule, of Regina, Vice-

President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, told the convention that the principal need of the prairie farmer was parity prices for his products. The Wheat Pools have done their utmost to obtain these, but they have found opposition on every side.

"Out to Destroy Pools"

"Pool enemies are out to destroy the Pools, and now they want them taxed," Mr. Sproule remarked. "If three men joined together to buy a combine and make savings for themselves, are those savings taxable?" he asked. "Pool elevators are just as much a part of a Pool farmer's equipment as a combine."

"This is just the first move to destroy the co-operative movement in Canada," Mr. Sproule said, "and we want and need this co-operative movement whereon to build a new order of equity and justice. It is the duty of those of us who are unfit and too old to go and fight, to fight the battle for social justice here at home."

Minister Discusses Farm Indebtedness

Hon. D. B. MacMillan, Minister of Agriculture for Alberta, said the farm debt of the Prairie Provinces is around \$800 million, of which Alberta's share is \$268 million. He believed that this debt is so heavy that it cannot be paid and the farmers continue in operation. He thought the conclusion reached at the Saskatoon debt conference should be implemented by the Federal Government.

Mr. MacMillan said rural Alberta needs a rural electrification system, a farm housing plan, and a road building program to provide the farmers with hard surfaced roads. He thought all this could be provided for as after-the-war activities.

Problem of Stored Up Wheat

Dr. D. A. MacGibbon, member of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, told the Convention that the greatest problem right now is to keep the stored up surplus wheat in good condition. An infestation of mites had caused quite a scare, but it was found that shipping the grain and cleaning the grain in a terminal, effectively overcame this problem. However, there is always danger from this source and farmers should be on the alert to meet it.

A member of the delegates asked Dr. MacGibbon if wheat grades had

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Not so very long ago when we were pulling up-stream and things seemed almost desperate, all of you were deeply concerned for the well being of your organization, but now that we are riding on the crest of a wave, many of us are very apt to be lulled into a sense of false security. In any case, too many of us are laying down on the job, and not pulling our full weight. This is to be regretted, for rest assured that our opposition by every device known, will endeavor to steal a march on us, but to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

If it were possible for your Pool to adopt the tactics of Big Business and private monopolies, it would not be necessary for each one of us to boost our movement and our Pool, with never a let-up. However, the excessive cost makes it prohibitive for your organization to follow private enterprise in the manner adopted by them, to reach the ear of the public. Their expensive propaganda media, by way of newspapers, magazines, radio, moving pictures, billboards, and direct mail, is out of our reach.

This technique (at which they are past masters) is adopted by Business to keep themselves continuously before the Public. Being unable to publicize our Pool and its products (at least to such an extent) in this manner, we have no other recourse than for each one of us to know all there is to know about our Dairy Pool and the Co-operative movement as a whole, and never tire of singing its praises. Let us be in a position so that we can explain the way it functions, for the benefit of the masses, whereas Industry has but one motive, the amassing of huge fortunes for the few. By no stretch of the imagination

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At this season of the year you are not so busy, but, unfortunately, during the last two weeks the roads have been bad. However, the season does permit you to hold your cream longer than it was possible in the warm weather. Many of our shippers and members still have to depend on truck service for regular delivery. We want the balance of our members to do that too.

In any case, if you do bring it out to a railway, do not drop it at the first creamery that you come to. See that it is put on the train and tagged to your nearest Pool plant. If you do not happen to have a cream tag, make a tag and when the can comes in, a spare shipping tag will go back with the empty can.

Make sure that every Pool can of cream gets to the Pool Creamery, every time it is full. Every can does count.

could one say that Industry in the past ever studied either its employees or the needs of the masses. How often the tactics adopted by combines and monopolies have been brought to the notice of the public; how they are all engineered and manipulated for the benefit of the few.

In Farmers' Own Hands

Your Pool elevators, your Dairy and Livestock Pools, your Consumer Co-op, you have built to eradicate these evils; but unless you support them whole-heartedly, the profit motive system will survive, for Capitalism will and can fight Pool Elevators, Dairy and Livestock Pools, and Consumer Co-ops, but it can never come to grips with and overcome the ideals of Co-operation if and when it is forcefully applied by the majority of farmers throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has been built on the dynamic appeal of the Co-operative movement; with a membership of well over 350,000 farmers, it is recognized as the voice of Canadian Agriculture. However, its membership must grow, for it will have to grapple and come to grips with our present economic order after hostilities cease. There will be no new Social Order if Capitalism once more is permitted to occupy the driver's seat.

Sees Need for Revolutionary Changes

Of very recent date, the London Times editorially deals with the necessity of revolutionary changes in Britain after victory. It says the country cannot return to economic anarchy of the past; nor can it lay down its international responsibilities. Foreign Minister Eden, the newspaper says, may incur the enmity of the vested interest of the old order of things, but he will win the gratitude and confidence of those who believe Britain's place is in the vanguard of human progress. This, from the London Times, England, was good reading to me. I am hoping that never again will the public be sold with the idea that private enterprise can serve the public better than any other form of business. The bitter pill we are swallowing today shows us all too well how miserably it has failed and to what abject depths of misery vested interests have dragged the world.

Science is wanted for war. Elsewhere it has been advised to take a holiday. Under the present set-up of society, the tragic fact remains that, speaking generally and excluding war industries and heavy industries, new discoveries cease to be welcome guests. Our present organization of production is either unable or unwilling to supply the commodities and services which are physically possible and morally desirable.

Scientist Crippled

Vested interests of private owners of the means of production have crippled the scientist at every turn and have robbed the public. Capitalism is run for profit and when for any reason it ceases to be profitable to increase production, the wheels of industry cease turning. In fact, it goes a step further, destroying with one hand what we had made with the other.

Have we not read of the burning

of half a million sheep in Chile; six million dairy cattle and two million sheep in the U.S.A.? Twenty-six million bags of coffee were dumped into the Pacific Ocean, and a shipload of Spanish oranges shovelled into the Irish Sea, while the empty vessel steamed into Liverpool amongst millions of children to whom an orange would have been a luxury.

But all this occurred some little

while ago. Our financial capitalism is wiser now and today is wielding a far more deadly weapon than destruction against the embarrassment of plenty amid poverty. Restriction is the new weapon. Restriction is safer than destruction. Destruction calls forth anger. Restriction is apt to lull us into false beliefs. Destruction reveals the fact of an

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At last the Silver Lining begins to show and the years of suffering, sacrifice and death are beginning to be reflected in the improvement in our war position. For the first Christmas since the war began, we can see some brightness ahead, and we have reason to hope that a year from now we may actually see

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MANPOWER CRISIS

There is, it seems to us, an intimate relationship between the critical situation in respect to farm labor on the prairies, to which the Dominion Government's attention has recently been forcefully drawn by the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta, and the confusion in the whole field of Selective Service in Canada which the resignation of Elliott M. Little has placed in the spotlight.

Our Ottawa correspondent has gone to some pains in his current article to present a balanced picture of the present position of Selective Service. Upon the merits of Mr. Little's own proposals it is difficult instantaneously to pass judgment. What is made clear is that the Government itself has not yet come to grips with a problem likely to grow more and more acute during coming months. There is no positive centralization of control over the whole field, when such centralization is plainly necessary.

Our own view, expressed from time to time since the beginning of the war, is that the false distinction drawn between service in the armed forces overseas and service "for the defence of Canada" has constantly stood in the way of the creation of a satisfactory plan for Selective Service. We think Mr. McDougall's article tends to underline the soundness of this view.

The result of this failure to adopt a clear-cut policy has been that some parts of Canada, where men have volunteered freely for service overseas, have been much more heavily drained of manpower than others. Compulsory service for home defence has drawn, in approximately equal measure, on parts of Canada where there has been little volunteering and on those where the response to the call to service has been ready. Some areas, therefore, have been drained dry, before others have begun to contribute even the most moderate quota of manpower to the armed services.

There may have been cogent, even legitimate, political reasons for failure to deal with these inequalities earlier; having in mind the past failure of public men to bring home to members of one major race in Canada a sense of its equal responsibilities with members of the other. But as a result of this and other failures in co-ordination, chickens are now coming home to roost in the form of a crisis which threatens wartime farm production in Western Canada very seriously indeed.

As Befits the Times

*The bells of Britain chiming for an hour
Were sweetest music heard by every hearth.
They sang the end of evil's dreadful power
And heralded the coming peace on earth.
The star of hope now sheds a steadfast ray
Upon the path where doggedly we climb.
The summit still is far and hard the way,
But faith is fast and courage is sublime.*

*Spread frugally the feast and spare the wine
This Christmas-tide, and all we have to give
To lands despoiled and trampled on consign,
For there the people die that we may live.
Enough until the scourge of war departs
That Christmas Day be cherished in our hearts.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

WHEAT POOL'S POSITION

Reports on the operations and financial position of the Alberta Wheat Pool, presented at the Annual Meeting of delegates, still in session as we go to press, were highly gratifying to the delegates, and will be equally so to members of the Pool and to Western people in general. The Pool made a substantial net surplus on the operation of its elevators during the season of 1941-42.

Noteworthy is the story, as told in the figures, of the Pool's achievement in reduction of the debt incurred as the result of the overpayment on the crop of 1929.

Now firmly established, the Pool is approaching the time when all this indebtedness will be cleared off. On July 31st, 1942, its net free assets, representing the growers' equity, totalled \$6,492,539.77, as compared with \$3,647,799.50 on July 15th, 1931.

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"THE NORTHERN PLAINS"

In order to carry special Christmas features in this number it has been necessary to hold over a further article reviewing "The Northern Plains in a World of Change".

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"WOMEN IN THE FRONT LINE"

Readers of *The Leader* will be interested to know that Mrs. Isa Grindlay Jackson now broadcasts over station CFCN, Edmonton, every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:45, on "Women in the Front Line".

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"To give the American public the idea that there is some simple action of quitting India which Britain should take, leaving Mr. Gandhi in charge in India, is to serve the interests of no one except the Nazis and the Japanese."—Kingsley Martin, editor of *The New Statesman and Nation*.

Little Dispute Puts Canada's Manpower Policy in Spotlight

Some Factors in Intricate Business
—Lack of Compulsion for
Overseas Is One

By M. McDougall

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Dec. 2nd.—The rumpus caused by Mr. Little's resignation as director of selective service has in the main died down for the present at least. The most effective use of manpower is, however, one of the most pressing questions not only here in Canada but also in Britain and the United States in the present phase of the war. For that reason all Canada is interested in getting a clearer picture of what the dispute was really about.

It isn't a question of quarrels between individuals. National issues are above that. A man may come and may go, and as in the case of Mr. Little there can be no question about the value of his services. He will be missed, but he will be replaced. The statements issued by Mr. Little make accusations of delays and of opposition to the administration of Selective Service and his memorandum requests wider powers for his Department as the most effective method of getting and distributing manpower in the different branches of essential war services. What the Canadian people want is that there shall be no more

delays if there have been delays and that drive and efficiency are given to the whole manpower program.

Cleavage of Authority

There has been no word from the Cabinet, and it is presumed that an investigation is going on, but in one line action has been taken, and this brings out one of the reasons why all the powers asked by the director of selective service could not be granted. Mr. Little wanted the power of closing down non-essential plants, but the duty of closing or curtailing civilian industry rests with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. The men thus released are to be placed by selective service in war plants. There is that clear cleavage of authority. The control board of the Munitions Department through its restriction of the use of vital raw materials by civilian plants also releases some men for disposition of selective service.

A number of wartime agencies play a part in manpower administration.

Another barrier in the way of complete concentration of power in the hands of one Department concerns enlistment in the armed forces. It has been the intention—and as far as known this will be carried out—to put the call-up under the compulsory military training plan in the hands of Selective Service. As, however, there is no compulsion for enlistment for overseas, the armed services jealously guard this enlistment from undue regulation. They feel that as their field is confined to men within definite age limits, who are physically fit, they must have a free hand.

It is naturally an intricate business to distribute men according to their capabilities among the various war services. No doubt certain men join the armed forces who might more profitably be employed in war industry, but it is equally true that men have been taken into industry who might serve their country better by being in the armed forces.

Another thing which operates against centralization of power in one department is the policy of getting the full value of the voluntary system of enlisting manpower before relying on the power of compulsion which is vested in the Government.

Wide Field For Selective Service

These are the difficulties, but while there is a disposition on the part of some to forecast that selective service will likely become simply a glorified employment agency, others believe this is far from being the case. There is a wide field for its effective operation if other cogs in the manpower machinery enmesh with it, and the whole machine works as a unit.

The powers of selective service might profitably be increased by giving it the right asked for in Little's memorandum to move men from place to place as desired and also—however difficult this task may be—"to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the most effective use of manpower by employers."

It has the right to put a man to work, while the dislocation of industry caused by unregulated firing and quitting of men is held in check by the "seven day" provision. It has the great task of getting many more women into industry, of putting all available unemployed manpower into industry through the employment offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, and of keeping constant pressure on the Prices Board to make men available from non-essential civilian industry.

Extra Labor For Farms

It has the job of securing extra labor for the farms in season, and men for lumber camps from farms and curtailed newsprint operations during the winter.

Its duties are heavy. It can still be the main shaft of the whole manpower machine. It is now to be seen what steps the Government will take to oil the machine and put new fuel in the boiler. The people of Canada who are all members of a great co-operative union linked in a gigantic life and death struggle will expect and demand no less.

The Bells for Alamein



"The bells also carried with their clashing joyous peals our thanksgiving that in spite of all our errors and shortcomings we have been brought nearer to the frontiers of deliverance.

"We have not reached them yet.

"But we are becoming even more entitled to be sure that the awful perils which might well have blotted out our life and all we have and cherish, will be surmounted and that we shall be preserved for further service in the vanguard of mankind."

With these words Prime Minister Churchill in his recent message to the people of the United Nations may well have voiced the thought and spirit of this Christmas Season;—

Thankfulness and gratitude that our free institutions have not been blotted out and that the ways of free men have not been lost;—

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The co-operative movement serves humanity on the home front. Primarily of course the movement is designed to improve the position of its members in a commercial way. But the mutual interest in a trade venture soon broadens into a deep and abiding interest in all matters affecting the common welfare of its members. The essential principle of the co-operative movement is mutual self help and service. It is every-day people working together to improve the conditions under which they work and live. In other words, it is every-day people working to improve society. The idea of service runs like a bright thread throughout the entire fabric of the movement. Society has been better because of the co-operative movement.



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because they are aware of their power. Do we value books as we should?

There never was a time when we more sorely needed the inspiration and consolation of great books and the high thinking which books can sustain. It is simply not true that we have no time to read books in wartime. This is a war of ideas, and books rightly used will help us to win the war. Books are weapons. They can strengthen our morale, our will and purpose.

The British people are reading books as never before, with a deep appreciation, for books are scarce in Britain on account of the paper shortage and millions of books were destroyed by bombs.

As yet books are plentiful in Canada, and this Christmas season we shall have rich fare from which to choose.

While this brief survey is concerned almost entirely with books of the hour and best sellers, the wise buyer will not overlook old favorites, old friends tested and tried.

Canadian Books and Writers

Books by Canadian authors are appearing in increasing numbers since the war began. This may be partly due to a quickened national consciousness. Moreover, publishing conditions at present favor Canadian printing and publishing.

Grace Campbell's *Thorn Apple Tree* (Collins, \$2.50) is a case in point. This book has been printed and published by a Canadian publisher. It has been illustrated by a well-known Canadian artist, Frank Carmichael, with beautiful and appropriate woodcuts. Altogether a very fine example of book-making.

But it is much more. It is a notable creative achievement. The author, the wife of a United Church minister of Regina, grew up in Glengarry County, Ont., in an old Highland Scotch settlement. She has brought to life the early pioneer days of that settlement of one hundred years ago, in simple arresting language and with loving care. The result is a book of real distinction and charm, one which will live as literature.

Two other novels with prairie roots are *Especially Babe* by Ross Annett (Ryerson, \$2.50) an Albertan describing courageous family life in a drought area of rural Alberta, and *Little Man*, by Herbert Sallans (Ryerson, \$2.50) the winner of the first fiction prize contest of the Ryerson Press. Sallans was educated in Manitoba and is now General news manager for the British United Press.

Costain's *For My Great Folly* (Allen, \$3.00) is a dashing pirate tale of the 17th century by a former editor of *Maclean's* now living in the U.S.

Books About Canada

Richard Finnie's *Canada Moves North* (MacM., \$4.00) is an important addition to the all too few books on our Northland.

Bruce Hutchinson's *Unknown Country* (Longman's, \$4.00) published earlier in the year, is a book every Canadian should read. It is perhaps the most arresting and stimulating book ever written about Canada by a Canadian.

Here is a new book about Canada by a well known American journalist, W. H. Chamberlain. It is *Canada, Today and Tomorrow* (McClelland, \$3.75) and its publication is indicative of the awakened interest in Canada of our American cousins. If I am not mistaken, this is the first book of the kind, a critical survey, written by an American.

It is very unfortunate that so few books published in French by French-Canadians are translated into English. *French-Canada and Britain*, a new interpretation by the Abbe Maheux (Ryerson, \$1.00) is a little book which Canadians should read and ponder. Abbe Maheux is a strong advocate of understanding and good will between the two great races living side by side in Canada. His book is limited to a study of the British occupation in 1759 and Governor Murray's administration, and he has high commendation for the humaneness and fairness of the British conquerors.

Canadian Poetry

Ralph Gustafson's *Anthology of Canadian Poetry* (Collins, 25 cents) is a very interesting collection which covers the whole sweep of Canadian poetry, with emphasis upon young contemporary poets. I venture to suggest that a careful reading of this little book, attractively printed in the Pelican series, will be more revealing of the inner essence of Canadian life than many bulky volumes of prose.

Earl Birney is represented in this volume by a single poem of rare beauty and power, entitled *Slug in Woods*, and now the Ryerson Press, which has done so much for Canadian

poetry, has published Earl Birney's verse in a little volume entitled *David and other Poems*—(\$1.50). Earl Birney was born and lived in Calgary and later in Banff, and is now a lecturer in Toronto University. His verse has great distinction and promise. A very suitable gift book for Calgarians and Albertans.

The War and the Peace

Howard Smith's *Last Train From Berlin* (Ryerson, \$3.25) and Cecil Brown's *Suez to Singapore* (MacM., \$4.00) are the two current favorites from expert news reporters. Incidentally, Edgar Mower's *Global War* (McClelland, \$1.50) is an excellent little book on modern global geography with striking maps. No arm chair strategist should be without it.

Many readers are reading Tolstoy's great war novel, *War and Peace*, now available in a splendid one volume edition in the modern Library Giants series (MacM., \$1.75). They find it strikingly contemporary as they watch the Napoleonic drama being repeated on the frozen steppes of Russia.

E. H. Carr's *Conditions of Peace* (MacM., \$4.00) is the most important recent book looking beyond the war to the peace. It is able, moderate, realistic and timely. It shuns Utopian thinking and integrates the whole economic problem with the problem of reconstruction.

Problems of Lasting Peace, by Herbert Hoover (McClelland, \$2.50) is also well worth reading.

Winston Churchill's latest volume of speeches *The Unrelenting Struggle* (McClelland, \$3.75) includes most of his recent speeches.

Peter Drucker's *Future of Industrial Man* (Longman's, \$3.00) discusses how an industrial society can be built as a free society. Drucker is a philosopher, original analyst of our discontents. He digs deeply into the fundamental structure of society.

Russia

Among all the recent books on Russia, I recommend Scott's *Behind the Urals* (Allen, \$3.00) as the most satisfying, revealing and informing.

Soviet Asia, by Davies (Longman's, \$4.00) covers some of the same ground. The author, a Toronto journalist, has not had the same opportunity for first hand observation.

Cole's *Europe, Russia and the Future* is a penetrating analysis of Russia's place in the future of Europe.

(A short further list in the next issue.)

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Books for Young Readers

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IN war-time it is easy to forget that boys and girls too have special problems. If we are sincere in our belief that children bear the promise of a better world, nothing we do today is more important than the help we give them in their preparation for adult life.

Need For Dependable Home Life

It is within the power of every parent to make important contributions to the new world for which we fight. Children have always needed stability. Today, when even an adult can scarcely keep up with history and geography, and when our mode of life can be changed from hour to hour, boys and girls have a desperate need for a home life on which they can depend. Home is the haven where, surrounded by familiar things, they develop their personalities through their use of leisure time. Home may be shifted from one community to another, but it is still the place where the family is an entity, bound together by common interests.

Home-making is a lovely art. I don't need to remind you that it does not depend on fine houses or expensive furniture. Do you remember, in the film "Mrs. Miniver", how the family spent the night in a cramped air-raid shelter which became home as Mr. and Mrs. Miniver read aloud from "Alice in Wonderland"? Alice is still going down rabbit holes, Long John Silver sails the Spanish Main, the Mole does his spring cleaning in that other world created for us by men and women of imagination. Children in Canada still have books. Canadian fathers and mothers can still read

aloud to their children, building up common interests, sharing the books of their own childhood and being introduced by their children to the books of today.

Books Families Will Enjoy Sharing

This Christmas I would like to mention some books which families will enjoy sharing. They are all books which will be a welcome and rewarding addition to the household treasures of any home where there are boys and girls.

"Make Way for Ducklings" (Viking, \$2.75) by Robert McCloskey, is a picture book with real ducklings on every page. Everyone in the family from the baby to grandpa will find something to chuckle over in this tale of the family of ducklings who were brought up on Boston common. This is the book which won the Caldecott Medal for the best picture book published in America in 1941.

Tale of Courage

The winner of the Newbery Medal for the most distinguished contribution to literature for children in America is "The Matchlock Gun" by Walter D. Edmonds (Dodd, \$2.00). This tale of courage for boys and girls of nine to twelve is appropriate today, when children in many countries must display the same courage and fortitude as did young Edward, the hero of this story. Young Edward was a Dutch boy who lived in New York State at a time when the settlers lived in daily fear of attack by Indians. He always wanted to fire his grandfather's matchlock gun. One day his opportunity came, and Edward's courage was equal to the occasion. This is a beautifully illustrated book, satisfying to either a boy or a girl.

Dorothy Lathrop has done lovely illustrations for a new edition of "Mr. Bumps and his Monkey" (Winston, \$2.25) by Walter de la Mare. No writer for boys and girls today equals Mr. de la Mare in depth of imagination and beauty of narration. This is a tale which almost baffles description. Its plot makes it enthralling to children of any age, and every time an adult reads it he will find more philosophy and truth in its poetic phrases. Miss Lathrop has caught the knowing yet wistful look on the face of Jasper, the little monkey, in such a way that the reader who looks at her pictures can say with Mr. Smith, "What I feel is that he could learn me a sight more than I can learn him, in what matters, I mean."

A new, inexpensive edition of some of Kipling's "Just-So Stories" is good news this year. Most popular with boys and girls will be "The Elephant's Child" and "How the Camel Got His Hump" (Garden City, 50 cents each). The illustrations for these new editions are done by the well-known illustrator Rojankovsky. He preserves the essential Indian atmosphere and puts fun and imagination into his gay colors.

For Canadian Families to Cherish
John Buchan's last book is especially for Canadian boys and girls. In "The Long Traverse" (Mussion, \$2.00) he presents to them the excitement and drama inherent in some of the episodes of our country's colorful history. It is a book for ten-year-olds who accept magic in everyday life, and it is a book for every Canadian family to cherish.

Arthur Ransome's many admirers in Western Canada have another treat in store for them. His new book is "Missee Lee" (Macmillan, \$2.50). Here are the same children who have delighted us in his other books. They are just as real, as charming and as

resourceful as ever. This time they need their resourcefulness to get them out of real danger when they are captured by Chinese bandits. The setting is new, but the children are reassuringly the same, and our old friend Titty is, as usual, equal to any occasion.

C. S. Forester, whom you know as a writer of rousing sea stories, has a small son who is interested in dragons. So Mr. Forester has obligingly written "Poo-Poo and the Dragons" (Little, \$1.75). It is a hilarious story to read aloud to boys, and there never were such dragonish dragons as Mr. Robert Lawson sends cavorting across its pages.

For older girls, Lois Lensky has

written "Indian Captive" (Stokes, \$2.50). This is the authentic story of a white girl, Mary Jemison, who was captured by Seneca Indians and brought up in the tribe. For boys there is another Indian book, "Shooting Star" (Farrar & Rinehart, \$2.00) by W. E. Wilson. It is the life of Tecumseh, the Indian hero who fought for the ideal of freedom and human dignity. It is for boys who love tales of Indians in action.

Girls of high school age will enjoy "They Loved to Laugh" (Doubleday, \$2.00) by Kathryn Worth. It is a warm-hearted and generous story of family life in North Carolina in the 1830's. For girls with a more exotic

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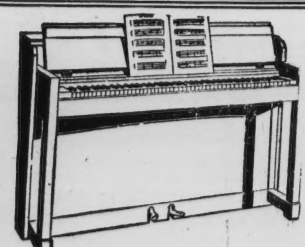
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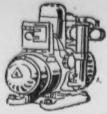
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WAR DIARY

Nov. 19th.—Sinking of 5 Jap warships by U.S. naval task force last Saturday night announced by Washington. Eighth Army vanguards 50 miles south of Bengasi.

Nov. 20th.—Nazis evacuate Bengasi. British-American forces push back enemy columns in Tunisia. Nazis retreat after battle near Ordzhonikidze, in Caucasus.

Nov. 21st.—Russians take Nazi position near Nalchik. R.A.F., R.C. A.F. bomb Turin, 3 aircraft missing. Eighth Army makes contact Axis rearguard at Agedabia. Enemy destroyer, tanker, sunk by British submarines in Mediterranean. Japs fight hard to retain Buna, Gona. Laval says will recruit French army to fight Allies.

Nov. 22nd.—Powerful Russian advance north and south of Stalingrad cuts two rail lines used by Nazis. French resist Nazis in Tunisia. Jap destroyer sunk off Buna. Cripps becomes minister aircraft production, Morrison takes Cripps's seat in war cabinet.

Nov. 23rd.—French West Africa agrees to his control, says Darlan in broadcast from Algiers. Axis forces retreat at Agedabia. Russians drive enemy back in twin drives in Stalingrad area. R.A.F. hammers Stuttgart. Italy now has 60,000 Nazi "tourists" London hears.

Nov. 24th.—Russian drives narrow Nazi salient at Stalingrad. Germans concentrate planes in Mediterranean area. U.S. bombers punish Jap air bases in China.

Nov. 25th.—Russian drives from Stalingrad only thirty miles apart. Eden says North African campaign in critical stage. R.A.F. bombs enemy bases Crete, Sicily. Jap bases on New Guinea attacked from air, land fighting severe.

Nov. 26th.—Berlin reports strong

Russian offensive west of Moscow. German casualties in Stalingrad drives said 250,000 in week. U.S. military mission in Dakar, is Paris report. Two Jap destroyers sunk off Buna.

Nov. 27th.—Vichy radio states French fleet at Toulon scuttled by crews as Nazis attempt capture; 3 battleships, 4 heavy cruisers, sea-plane tender, 25 destroyers, 26 submarines, said destroyed. Russian northern drive said 100 miles from Latvian border. Japs land reinforcements at Buna.

Nov. 28th.—Russians recapture Kletskaya, by-passed earlier in present advance. Darlan asks any ships escaped from Toulon put into Allied ports; one submarine reaches Barcelona. Enemy counter-attack repulsed at Tebourka, Tunisia. Admiralty announces sinking 9 more Axis ships in Mediterranean.

Nov. 29th.—First Army only 12 miles from coast, wedging between Tunis and Bizerte. Russians break new Nazi defence line west of Moscow. Churchill urges Italians discard Mussolini, make separate peace. Two Jap destroyers believed sunk off Buna; Japs again effect landings on Attu.

Nov. 30th.—Moscow says 10,000 Nazis dying daily in Russia. "Hangman" Himmler said in Toulon to take revenge on surviving French naval officers. Reunion, Indian ocean island, joins Free French. Turin bombed, second night in succession. Allies take beach area half mile from Gona in New Guinea.

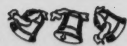
Dec. 1st.—Russians reported fighting inside Rzhev; Hitler calls on Nazis to hold at any cost; 50 Nazi transport planes downed in Stalingrad area. Allies reach coast south of Tunis, says Algiers report; air battle raging over Bizerte, Tunis. Darlan declares himself chief of state in French North and West Africa. U.S. submarines sink 5 Jap ships, making 148 during war.

Couldn't Believe It



"That kite had no business returning. I refuse to believe it could be flown and landed in that condition," exclaimed an experienced R.A.F. airman from Cardston, P.O. Dick Christie (above), as he stood on his airfield and looked at a Boston bomber he had just brought in with wings holed and battered, engine gills torn by flak and tail and hydraulics completely shot away. He had just returned from a raid on a power station at Lille, France.

Dec. 2nd.—Nazi forces before Stalingrad almost completely surrounded, under attack from all sides. Large U.S. force has landed in New Zealand. Darlan and Petain in secret communication, says report from North Africa. Mussolini asks women and children to leave Italian cities, pleads for more war fervor. Knox says U.S. navy stronger than day before Pearl Harbor.

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"We realize that the war and its manpower requirements come first; but wish to point out that to call for increased production in hogs, cattle, sheep, wool, dairy and poultry products, etc., while steadily draining off the already seriously short skilled manpower of the farms is to be at cross purposes," declare the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta in a recent statement, as set forth by President Robert Gardiner in a letter to the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner. "The evidence grows every day that farmers cannot keep up their present production, much less increase it, if the farms are to be operated by elderly men and women only."

It is stated that "if the efficiency of Canadian farmers in respect to farm production is regarded as desirable, there has been serious bungling in manpower policy."

Many farmers, it is stated, have reported that they could have been completely threshed during the interval of good weather in mid-November "had there been sufficient men skilled in handling harvesting machinery," and yet young men skilled in this work were held or allowed to remain in the camps of the services "when their skill and labor were indispensable."

"Such help as was available was found to be unstable, owing to lack of a ceiling for this labor, the Executive add, and they stress the seriousness of the situation with "15 to 40 per cent of the crop in some cases under the snow."

A movement to make all U.S. inventions available to all war production was strongly supported by Henry Kaiser, U.S. shipbuilder, giving testimony to a Senate committee recently.

Takes Place of Rubber

A plastic substitute for rubber—lighter, and equally durable—is being used to coat fabrics used for raincoats, bags for transporting water for troops, hospital sheeting, life rafts and belts, food bags, waterproof and oil-resistant suits for sailors, the plastics department of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company have announced.

Soil Survey Dealt With in New Bulletin

"Soil Survey of Blackfoot and Calgary Sheets," Bulletin No. 39 of the University of Alberta College of Agriculture, deals with about 3,300,000 acres in south central Alberta. The southern boundary of the surveyed area lies 96 miles north of the U.S. boundary, and the eastern edge is 90 miles west of the Saskatchewan boundary. It extends in the west to the Rocky Mountain forest reserve. The city of Calgary is in the northern boundary and the town of Vulcan in the southern boundary. The survey, by F. A. Wyatt and J. D. Newton, W. E. Bowser and W. Odynsky, gives very full information on the soils in these areas.

Junior U.F.A. Notes

Consort Junior U.F.A. is putting on a membership drive.

Cassils Juniors are sending \$2 each month to the Milk for Britain fund.

Great Bend Juniors are joining with the Oat Club in presentation of a play.

Balzac Juniors are holding a concert, "One Moment Please" and dance early in January, writes Mabel Church, secretary.

Farm Co-operatives' Total Business \$242,158,305

Total business done by farmers' co-operative organizations in Canada, in the year ended July 31st, 1941, was \$242,158,305, according to a report, "Co-operation in Canada, 1941", recently published by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The figure for 1932 was \$145,303,954, so there is an increase of about 66 per cent since then. The increase in members (or share-holders), (from 379,687 in 1932 to 451,685 in 1941) was less marked.

Bulk by Marketing Associations

Marketing associations did the great bulk of this co-operative business. Of the total 1941 figure, less than \$22,000,000 was attributed to purchasing associations. And of the total of \$220,201,545 worth of business done by marketing organizations, grain and seed accounted for over \$139,000,000; livestock was in second place with \$26,000,000 and dairy products in third place with \$24,000,000. Fruits and vegetables came next, with a total of \$11,377,000, followed closely by tobacco co-ops, which had a business of \$11,295,000. The balance was made up by co-operative sale of poultry, honey, maple products, wool, fur, and miscellaneous.

Saskatchewan held first place among the Provinces, with total farm co-operative business of over \$77,500,000. Alberta, with a total of \$40,938,000 was next. Ontario co-ops did a business of \$32,661,000. Figures for the other Provinces, in order of volume, are: Manitoba, \$22,000,000; Quebec, \$21,900,000; B.C., \$10,700,000; Nova Scotia, \$3,800,000; New Brunswick, \$2,100,000; P.E.I., \$759,000. Inter-provincial associations did a business of \$29,400,000.

During the war 20 ships have been sunk in the St. Lawrence, Cabot Strait and Strait of Belle Isle.

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Wartime Christmas

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Dear Farm Women: Again, Christmas! To be sure, as I said in a recent letter, it has not crept up on us unaware as it sometimes does, for there have been so many warnings of the early preparations that must be made for Overseas. And almost everyone has had a hand at that, either for their own or a neighbor's boy or as a community gift.

But what a different Christmas it

will be for so many, many people. There are some who are thousands of miles away Overseas and have been putting up with the curtailments and hardships of countries which are paying a tremendous price for this war for Democracy. There are others who are not so far away, possibly in Eastern Canada. Up to the present, to many of them, their new life has been rather in the light of an adventure; seeing new places, meeting new people and trying their hand at a new job. But oh, when Christmas

comes! To many, home will seem the most desirable place on earth, even if that home is only a very plain-looking house out on the prairie farm.

To some, alas, it means sorrow has come to their lives, and to them life seems so definitely altered that in some cases the thought of gaiety and merriment is completely overwhelmed. Others of these are the brave souls who have done their utmost to be of good cheer for the sake of others, even with a heart-ache behind it all.

And there are still others whose Christmas will be so very different because of absent members of the family. In some instances, some of the members have gone. In others, possibly only one, but was there ever a family so big that the absence of even one member at Christmas time was not a matter of regret? Happy indeed the family who can gather all its members together for the day. They should indeed make merry.

Stay-at-Homes' Christmas

For weeks past the papers have been suggesting gifts to send Overseas to those in service there. Latterly, they are offering suggestions for those in service nearer home. And now comes the question, What shall the stay-at-home do for Christmas?

There are, I suppose what might be called two schools of thought regarding that. There are those who think that in this critical time when there is urgent need for so many war essentials and time should be spent there, we should do away with the receiving and giving of gifts at home. On the other hand, there are those who think there never was a time when people so needed to be cheered, when children needed some happy memories to carry along with those disturbing ones they are acquiring now from the conversations they hear; when some young people are kept at home for some good reason and yet find their friends gone and their social life very limited; when older ones are missing the company of their families.

Not Financial Value That Matters

Personally, I am still inclined to lean to that side of the argument. I think the day for expensive gifts of luxury is of course past—of course I know someone will interject "just when did it exist for us farm people"? Everyone knows it is not the financial value of the gift that matters, but the understanding and the thoughtfulness that have been shown. We need to stretch our imaginations even more than usual.

And think of the absent friends who would be so cheered by a letter! I would be inclined to say, "Instead of writing one less, or of giving a tiny gift the less, give one more". Our old Christmas cards can come out and make a brave effect in wishing the old wish. As I said before, there was a time when sending cards seemed to me rather a bit of nonsense, but I have changed my mind. To be sure, I do not mean from those with whom we have neighborly intercourse. Personally, the warm hand-shake, the pleasant smile along with the wish means more than the card. To some, the heart-warming of the Christmas wish or remembrance is a tonic.

So think twice before we leave the memories of children and those who are more than children bare of what we can with some time and a lot of thought supply. And may each one of you, whether at home or away from home, be able to make Christmas more happy for someone else, and may you have a "Christmasy" one for yourself.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. raised \$250 in one year for the Red Cross.

Willow Springs U.F.W.A. have sent nine Christmas boxes to boys overseas and are also sending to all boys from the district in the Services in Canada.

A Farm Forum study group, to be carried on in conjunction with Red Cross work, has been formed by Stettler and Warden U.F.W.A.

For the Christmas Season



There's no shortage of turkeys in Western Canada, so at least the main course of the traditional feast can appear on our tables as usual. Here are recipes for stuffing and gravy to go with it:

Savory Dressing.—Mix together 8 cups soft breadcrumbs, 2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 2 teaspoons savoury, 1/3 cup melted butter or bacon fat, 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion or parsley, and 1 cup of either apples, celery or sausage meat. Enough for a 10 or 12-lb. turkey.

Giblet Gravy.—Simmer the liver, gizzard, heart and neck in a quart of water for about an hour or until tender. Drain and chop the meat finely. Leave about a cup fat in roasting pan after removing turkey; stir in 2/3 cup flour; gradually add cool broth and enough water (drained from potatoes or other vegetables) to make a smooth thin gravy. Cook for 5 minutes; add chopped giblets; season to taste with salt and pepper.

Here's something special in the way of an appetizer:

Nippy Roll-Ups.—Blend 3 ounces cream cheese and 3 teaspoons horseradish; spread thinly on dried beef slices; roll tightly, fasten with picks, chill well and slice.

For the plum pudding, here's a sugarless sauce:

Honey Sauce.—Mix

1 tablespoon cornstarch in 1/4 cup cold water; pour 3/4 cup boiling water over, cook until clear. Add 1/2 cup honey and 1 tablespoon butter; add spice if liked.

And here are two tea biscuits that will do duty for cake, in these days of sugar shortage; and they're not hard to eat either:

Cheese Biscuits.—To 2 cups flour add 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon each butter and lard, 1/3 cup grated cheese, 3/4 cup cold milk.

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The Great Surprise

By
Violet
Williams



PENNYTOP lived with his friend, Pinty, in a little cottage on the edge of a forest. Christmas was drawing nearer and the two dwarfs became more excited every day.

"Do you remember how we met last Christmas and decided to live together, Pennytop?" asked Pinty gleefully.

"Of course I do," replied Pennytop. "I think that we should make this Christmas a very special anniversary, don't you?"

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed Pinty. "What shall we do to celebrate?"

"Let us plan a surprise for each other," said Pennytop, after thinking hard for a long time.

"What a grand idea, Pennytop!" exclaimed Pinty. "I must think of something wonderful which will be a great surprise for you."

The dwarfs seated themselves upon two little wooden stools and began to think. At last Pennytop gave it up.

"I am going to wait until tomorrow," he sighed, "I have not an idea in my head to-night."

He took up a book and began to turn the pages whilst Pinty went on thinking. He was dozing off to sleep when a long sigh from Pennytop made him look at his friend.

"I have been reading a story about a tree which bears golden leaves and real roses on its branches every Christmas, Pinty," said Pennytop. "How I wish that I could see a tree covered with Christmas roses and golden leaves!"

Pinty gazed thoughtfully at his friend. Now he knew what to give Pennytop for his Christmas surprise.

The next day Pinty went to the village. He opened the door of the store and waited for someone to come and serve him. The owner of the village store was called Jeremy Gnome, and he was the most inquisitive person you can imagine.

"Hello, Pinty! What do you want?" he asked, coming into the shop.

"I want a pair of very sharp scissors, some crinkled paper in pink and white, and a roll of the shiniest gold paper you have in the shop," said Pinty.

"Humph!" grunted the gnome. "What do you want it for, may I ask?"

The little dwarf told Jeremy all about his friend's idea, but he did not tell the gnome what his surprise was going to be. That was a secret.

Pinty paid for his purchases and hurried back to the cottage. Jeremy Gnome peered after him.

"I wish I knew what he is going to do," he thought.

In the meantime Pinty had crept into the cottage where he found that Pennytop had gone out for the day. He had propped up a note against the tea-pot to say so. Now Pinty could spend the whole day working on his great surprise.

First he hurried into the forest with a spade, and he dug up the greenest and fullest little fir tree he could find. He took it home and then he filled a blue pot with soil and popped the tree into it.

Pinty opened out the glistening sheet of gold paper and he began to cut and cut and CUT with the new scissors. Soon he was surrounded with hundreds of dainty gold leaves which the clever little dwarf had formed from the paper.

Pinty began to tie his leaves on to the branches of the little fir tree. The tree seemed to know what was happening, for it held out its prickly arms still further and shook them, so that the golden leaves sparkled in the firelight.

The little dwarf twisted and cut and folded strips of the pink and white papers until the floor was covered with masses of dainty flowers.

He picked up each one and carefully twisted it into place upon the branches until the tree was full of the pretty flowers.

As Pinty fastened on the last flower he heard footsteps coming up the path, so he hurriedly bundled the tree into his bedroom. Then he hung up a notice which read: DO NOT OPEN THIS DOOR.

Pennytop came in carrying a huge parcel. He hurried off into his bedroom with it, and then he hung up a notice on his own door, saying: CHRISTMAS SURPRISE. DO NOT OPEN.

The two little dwarfs sat down to supper and as they ate each tried to guess what the other had in store for Christmas Day.

Jeremy Gnome tossed and turned in his bed. He could not sleep for thinking about Pinty's secret.

"I wish I knew what it is," he sighed, "I wonder if I could find



out if I went and peeped inside Pennytop's cottage?"

The next moment the gnome was out of bed. He pulled on his clothes and ran towards the home of the dwarfs.

He pushed open the door of the cottage and crept inside. The first door he came to was that of Pinty's bedroom. He turned the handle

softly and peeped inside, but not a thing could he see.

Jeremy pulled a box of matches from his pocket. He struck one and the light flared up so that Pinty's tree glowed out of the darkness.

The gnome was so surprised when he saw this beautiful tree covered with roses that he gazed at it open-mouthed until the match burned his fingers. He dropped it with a squeal.

The cry awakened Pinty. He jumped out of bed and gave a cry of horror. The match which Jeremy had dropped had touched one of the paper roses and it was alight!

"Fire! fire! Help, Pennytop!" screamed Pinty.



In rushed Pennytop in his night-shirt with his night-cap over one eye. Under one arm he carried the large parcel which Pinty had seen before.

"Oh, what a beautiful tree, Pinty!" exclaimed Pennytop. "It is a tree of Christmas roses and golden leaves like the one in my book?"

"It is going to burn up, Pennytop! What can we do?" cried Pinty.

Pennytop bumped his parcel down on the ground and unwrapped it. He lifted out a bright scarlet watering-can. Now Pinty had longed for a scarlet watering-can for as long as he could remember, and here was the finest he had ever seen.

"This is my surprise for you," said Pennytop.

Pinty tried to stammer out his thanks, but Jeremy Gnome interrupted. "There will be nothing left of that lovely tree if you do not hurry up," he said.

Pennytop snatched up the new watering-can and filled it with water from the jug in Pinty's wash-basin. Then the three little men climbed on to chairs and hoisted the can up so that the water poured over the tree like a fountain.

Soon the flames were out, but all the roses were gone, and the golden leaves were scorched. A tear stole down Pinty's cheek as he hugged

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his new watering-can.

"Your lovely tree is spoilt, Pennytop," he said, sadly.

As he spoke the bells could be heard ringing in the dawn of Christmas Day. Pennytop looked up at his tree and his eyes opened wide. The tree was quivering so that showers of water fell to the floor like raindrops. But the strangest thing of all was that the burned roses had changed into real rose-buds, which were opening out into beautiful flowers even as the little men watched!

"They are real roses, Pinty!" Pennytop cried.

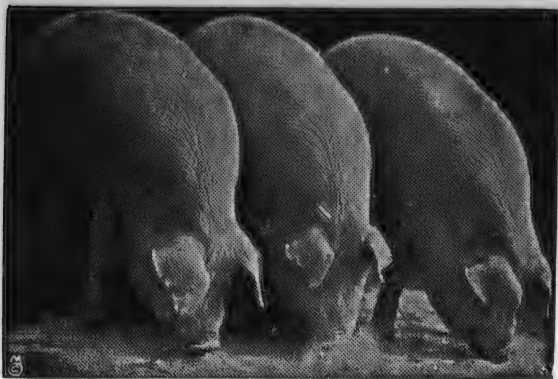
Whether the tree was a magic one, or whether Pinty's watering-can had cast the spell, no one will ever know. Pennytop's tree of roses bloomed afresh every Christmas, however, and the golden leaves never again lost their glitter.

The two dwarfs could not be cross with Jeremy for burning up the paper roses. They asked him to stay to breakfast to celebrate the great Christmas Surprise.

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Season's Greetings

To All the Farm People
of Alberta

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Informed sources in Ottawa believe that Canada's wheat surplus will provide one of the most difficult problems for the Dominion Government in 1943. The Government has more than \$400 million invested in wheat, and storage charges amount to \$50 million a year. The 1942 harvest of 607 million bushels has brought the total wheat in sight to about one billion bushels. This will mean a big addition in the storage charges the Government will have to pay on grain to be bought from the producers by the Canadian Wheat Board. The Wheat Board will accept 280 million bushels of wheat from the 1942 crop on the basis of 90c a bushel for One Northern at the terminal.

Use for Feed May Fall

The use of wheat for feed may drop off because of the huge production of feed grain crops in addition to wheat. In the past, farmers did not hesitate to feed their wheat on the farm because there had been an enlarged demand for animal products, and wheat export outlets were blocked. However, the situation has changed a bit, and coarse grains grown this year are well distributed. Therefore most farmers are expected to use them in preference to wheat for feeding purposes. Although the United States has expressed the intention of drawing upon Canadian feed grain supplies, officials there report there is no need for such supplies at present.

The 1932 Canadian Government wheat policy should be announced as soon as possible in order that farmers may plan their crop programs in good time.

In French North Africa

The Dominion bureau of statistics says that the entry of the United Nations into French North Africa has significance in the world wheat situation. The reason given is that supplies of wheat grown in North Africa will be available for allied troops—and thus leave shipping space for other requirements. The 1943 crop in Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco is estimated at 100 million bushels.

In Australia some private authorities estimate the wheat crop at 150 million bushels. Grasshoppers and rust are likely to lower yields slightly.

Taking part in the North African show were 17 Canadian corvettes.

The objective of the Canadian Aid to Russia fund is \$1,000,000.

Allowances to some British service men and their families are being increased.

The International Livestock Exposition, held in Chicago for the past 42 years, was cancelled this year on account of transportation difficulties.

When coffee rationing began in the U.S. last month, consumers were required to count all supplies on hand, above one pound, as part of their ration.

The U.S. manpower commission will see that American Farmers have sufficient help to reach production goals set for 1943, states P. V. McNutt, chairman.

Admission that he had received sums of money and distributed them to other army medical personnel was made by Pte. L. Houde of Quebec, in court-martial on charges of taking bribes to keep men out of the army.

War Services Minister General La Fleche, and F. Dorion, Independent, won the two Quebec seats in Monday's by-elections, while the Winnipeg North Centre seat, formerly held by the late J. S. Woodsworth, was retained for the C.C.F. by Rev. Stanley H. Knowles.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 2nd.—Good to choice butcher steers are \$9.75 to \$10.25; good to choice butcher heifers \$9.25 to \$9.85, common to medium \$8 to \$9; good cows \$7.50 to \$8.25, common to medium \$6.25 to \$7.25; canners and cutters \$4 to \$6; good heavy calves \$10 to \$10.50, common to medium \$7 to \$9.50; good bulls \$7 to \$7.50; good to choice stocker and feeder steers \$9 to \$9.50, common to medium \$8 to \$8.75. Hogs are \$15.15 B1 at yards and plants, \$10.10 liveweight at yards, \$11 to \$12.50 dressed at yards and plants. Good lambs are \$10 to \$10.50.

The Dairy Market

The wholesale price of butter has advanced by 3/4 cent so that first grade prints are 36-1/2 cents locally with butterfat selling at 35 cents plus 6 cents subsidy. Montreal is 36-1/2, Toronto 36-3/4 and Vancouver 36-1/2.

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL (Continued from page 2)

not been tightened up this year, but the answer was that, in his opinion, this had not been done. The crop was badly damaged in many districts by frosts. Dr. MacGibbon also mentioned that for the first time in history ergot had shown up in spring wheat this season. It is usually found in rye and in durum wheat. There is serious danger in feeding grain infested with ergot to livestock.

Result of Eleven Years' Operations of Pool

At the commencement of the 1931-32 season, the Alberta Wheat Pool's obligation to the Province of Alberta, arising out of the 1929 Pool overpayment, amounted to \$5,549,000. In addition, the bank loan on the Pool terminal at Vancouver amounted to \$1,750,000. This made a total indebtedness at that time, in connection with the Pool's capital structure, of \$7,399,000.

The operations of Alberta Pool Elevators over the past 11 years have resulted in the liability to the Alberta Government being reduced by \$2,148,500. In addition, the Pool has paid to the Province over the past eleven years interest amounting to \$2,643,000. The bank loan on the Vancouver terminal, totalling \$1,750,000, has been paid in full, along with interest totalling \$320,000. Furthermore, the net liquid assets of the Alberta Pool organization have been increased from \$2,672,303.07 as at July 15th, 1931, to \$5,222,242.94 as at July 31st, 1942, an improvement of \$2,549,939.87.

On July 31st, 1942, the Alberta Wheat Pool's net free assets, representing the growers' equity, totalled \$6,492,539.77 as compared with \$3,647,799.50 on July 15th, 1931, an improvement of \$2,844,740.27.

C.A.D.P. SECTION

(Continued from page 3)

age of plenty. Restriction produces the delusion of an age of scarcity. This destruction and restriction of human effort is the logical and exasperating climax of the bungling and wastage inherent in the system of financial capitalism. For lack of planned distribution of commodities, through planned distribution of adequate purchasing power side by side with planned production, human effort is misdirected and paralysed.

How Hitler Rose to Power

Lest any of you think that the indictment in the foregoing against Capitalism is couched in too strong language, I would remind you that Hitler rose to power owing to his acute perception that the governing class was hostile to a socialist experiment—being tried out in another country and that France was betrayed by a corrupt government sympathetic to Fascism.

Yet change must come. Man marches on, and in the main, toward wisdom; oft times, through rivers of blood and tears. Change must come in England, in France, and in America. One thing is certain, it is better that we ourselves should make appropriate changes willingly because they are right than do so under compulsion because we can do no other. It rests with us whether we better the day of our life or worsen it, for we can, if we co-operate with our fellow worker, abolish the harshness and cruelties of the rush for gain, and break down the ruthless maintenance of vested interests.

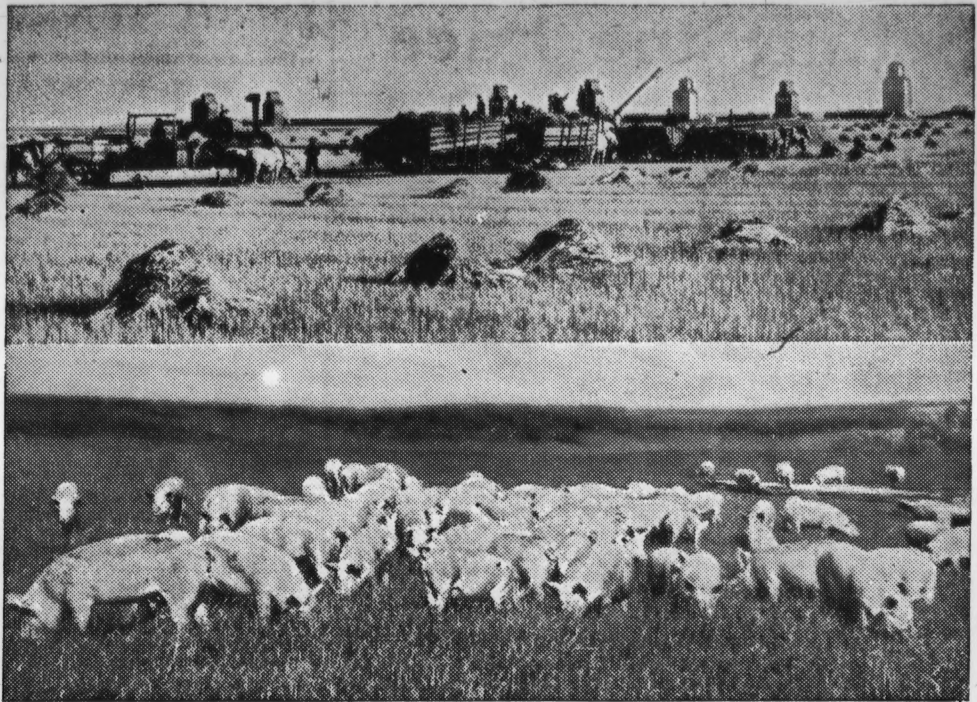
Yours fraternally,

Geo. H. MacShane.

President.

Report of Dickson meeting in next issue.

Alberta dairy farmers and lumber camps badly need more men, though there is a surplus of unskilled labor in Calgary at present, declared W. H. Ross of the Unemployment Relief Commission on Monday.



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Producers can help win the war by converting this year's surplus grain into more Bacon for Britain and Pork for Canada.

For further information consult your Provincial Department of Agriculture, Agricultural College, nearest Dominion Experimental Farm or Live Stock Office of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

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Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa
Honourable James G. Gardiner, Minister

Over half the war supplies produced in Canada go to Britain and the U.S.—about 25 per cent to the former and 33 per cent to the latter.

The U.S. has no immediate need of Canadian feed grains, declared Secretary of Agriculture Wickard last week.

Nearly all mechanized vehicles for British Commonwealth forces are made in Canada, said Hon. C. D. Howe in Toronto, Monday.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

The editor of this great family journal tells us that this is our Christmas number and we ought to say something about the festive season.

Well here goes: Here's wishing you plenty of sage and onions as well as Mustard and Cress this Yuletide.

It's a funny old world, isn't it? In the midst of the greatest war in history, we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, is troubled over a reported shortage of mistletoe. She needn't worry. Kisses won't be rationed.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

We have an idea that even our chickens know that Christmas is near. Yep, every time we pick up the axe to chop some firewood our biggest rooster beats it for the foothills and doesn't return till sunset.

Maybe, he too, knows the meaning of sage and onions; and strictly between ourselves, he's got it right.

We understand that in Berlin instead of "Heil Smiling Morn" about all they'll hear is "Heil Hitler".

In spite of Government regulations, there is little doubt that John Barleycorn will be able to stagger through the holiday season all right.

Oh well, the war notwithstanding, Ottawa insists that we shall still spend a "ration"-al Christmas.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

"Some hands are regulated by the head; others by the heart." Perhaps, but not at a bridge party.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that the importance of a lot of people depends on the ability of those who work for them.

Cynical Gus opines that although we may have to go short of a lot of things this Christmas, there'll still be plenty of "nuts" around.

JUST A THOUGHT

At Christmas time 'tis well to know

That if you'd learn to live,
'Tis not alone at festal times
That you must learn to give.

It's a curious thing, snorts Wally, our incurable bach., but when husband and wife fall out, it's usually the woman who runs home to mother, when it's the man who requires help.

It seems to this column that no man knows how much he can do until he is forced to do it.

Nunno, Algernon, a fireless cooker is not a cook you can't fire.

ALBERTA LIMERICKS
(Craigmyle)

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We read that during a circus performance a leopard escaped and jumped among the audience. We'll bet that even if the leopard couldn't change its spots the audience did.

Paradoxical as it may sound, Christmas emphasizes the fact that you can secure a lot more happiness for yourself by giving it to others.

Postcard from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest says that when a man has money to burn most any gal will supply him with a match.

TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

Although you may stretch the truth you can't make it go any farther.

"Hard work is the yeast of life," says a London writer. Well, it certainly ought to raise the dough.

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Summerfallowing aggravates erosion unless very carefully done, and coarse grains do no good unless they are fed on the farm and the manure returned to the land, declares a recent bulletin of the Agricultural Department of the North-West Line Elevators Association. Since its organization this department has given first place to dealing with what it considers the two most pressing agricultural problems—weeds and soil erosion.

BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

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taste, there is "Dancing Star" (Messner, \$2.50) by Gladys Malvern, the absorbing life of Anna Pavlova.

There are two stories about horses which cannot fail to please older boys. One is "War Horse" (Dodd, \$2.00) by Fairfax Downey, the story of Barbara, a chestnut mare, and a Texan cowboy who go through the first world war together. The other, "Black Stallion" (Random House, \$2.00) by Walter Farley, is an action thriller about a seventeen-year-old boy and a race horse.

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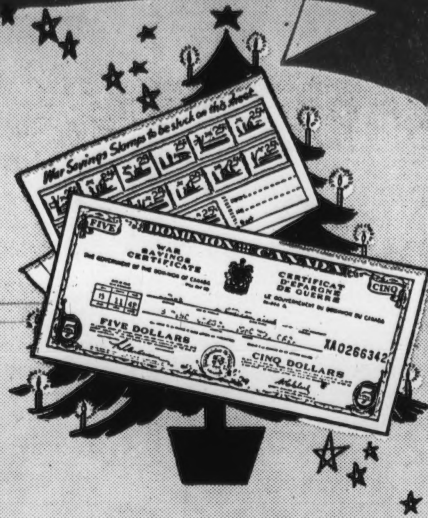
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